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# Hill: New year means a new beginning

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**Breanna Hill**, *Features Editor*

As cliché as it may sound, a new year really does bring new beginnings. This year has been catastrophic and has affected every single person in some way or another.

Challenges have stacked up and nearly toppled over because they have been stacked so high, and I don't think I've ever seen so many people hopeful for a new year and the new possibilities tied to it.

The possibilities are endless. It's important not to forget those possibilities when heading into a new year, or even now, during the holidays. The challenges build us into stronger people, and I think though this year was plagued with the challenges, we should be thankful for the growth we've all experienced individually.

It's also important to keep in mind that struggling during this time is not something to be ashamed of; it only leads to more growth and more strides being taken.

Don't battle yourself. Instead, embrace and admire your accomplishments you've made throughout the year. Take a minute to think back to the person you were when the year started and compare it to your current self.

I've felt the odds stacked against me, I've dealt with numerous challenges throughout this year and sometimes I've felt as if I was continuously losing battle after battle. I realized beating yourself up about things out of your control is nothing but tiresome.

Taking the time to admire what you've been through and what kind of person it's turned you into can help tremendously with your mental health and your overall well-being. There are numerous soul-feeding activities that can help you feel better about the new year, and doing them over the holidays is something I plan to do myself.

As cheesy as it sounds, writing down your goals is something that can serve as an encouraging reminder for the year. I like to write down my goals for the year whether it be personal, academic, or mental goals. At the end of the year you can look back at the list of goals you compiled and you'd be surprised at how many of your goals you managed to accomplish.

Another activity I like to do around this time of year is take the time to write down what I'm thankful for. Giving thanks is not just meant for Thanksgiving, it should be recurring year round. Reminding yourself what you're thankful for can make a world of difference, and I believe this year we each have so much to be thankful for.

Remind yourself there's nothing wrong with taking the time to digest what this year has been like. Remind yourself that though there might have been more downs than ups, cherishing each of those is necessary for growth and development. Taking the time to remind yourself of these small, yet significant things, will mean more to you in the long run.

Let's bring this year to a close and cherish our loved ones as we hit the ground running into 2021.

# JSU men's basketball narrowly loses to Florida International before OVC play

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**Coley Birchfield**, *Correspondent*

The Gamecocks' trip to Miami, Fla. did not transpire as expected, as the men's basketball team narrowly lost to Florida International, 74-70, on Friday, Dec. 4.

JSU (3-2) scheduled two games in Miami as their final tune-up before beginning Ohio Valley Conference play.

The most beneficial outcome of the weekend would have been two wins against a respectable Conference-USA opponent. However, Ray Harper's team was handed a Friday night loss and a cancellation of their Sunday game.

Friday night's 74-70 loss to Florida International (4-0) was the Gamecocks' second of the season. The other came in their first game of the year against the Alabama Crimson Tide (3-1).

The game against FIU, however, was historic as it marked the first meeting of the two since both were members of the Atlantic-Sun Conference from 1995 to 1998. The Panthers have now increased their record in those contests to 4-0.

Inconsistent scoring once again loomed over the JSU shooters, allowing the Panthers to put together multiple extended scoring runs. The most important of these came in the final minutes of the game, where the Gamecocks were outscored 16-6 by the Panthers who captured the 4-point victory.

“We have to do a better job of taking care of the ball, and we were 13-for-23 from the free-throw line,” Head Coach Ray Harper said after the game. “But we had key turnovers that we could have capitalized on.”

Senior Darian Adams continues to impress in his first season in Jacksonville. The Troy transfer equalled his career-high with 20 points to go along with his two steals.


Adams seems to have played himself into a leadership role among the 2020-21 team. Something that Ray Harper is needing if a postseason berth is in the Gamecocks’ future.

Jalen Finch also helped the Gamecock with a 16-point performance, with 5 assists. Kanye Henry, JSU’s lone returning starter, ended the game with only 5 points.

Jacksonville State’s next game is in Cookeville, Tenn., where the Gamecocks will play Tennessee Tech. The game is scheduled to take place on Sunday at 4 p.m. The second game against Tennessee Tech will be on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. It will be the first matchup of the season for the men’s team at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Both games can be streamed live on ESPN+ or listened to on WLJS 91.9 FM, JSU’s student-run radio station.

# Warner Bros criticized for streaming deal with HBO Max

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The image shows the HBO Max logo in white text on a solid purple background. The logo consists of the letters 'HBO' in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'max' in a lowercase, rounded sans-serif font, and a small 'SM' trademark symbol to the right.

**Whitney Ervin**, *Correspondent*

Last week, Warner Brothers announced that in 2021 it will release all of their upcoming feature films on HBO Max in tandem with theatrical releases.

This includes many of the most highly anticipated films of 2021 including *Wonder Woman 1984*, *Dune* and *Godzilla vs. Kong*. They have stated this model is not planned to run through 2022 depending on the state of the pandemic.

This hasn't stopped the reactions to this news from being overwhelmingly negative from within the film community.

Legendary Entertainment, the company co-producing *Dune* and *Godzilla vs. Kong*, has threatened legal action. They claim to not have been notified of Warner Brother's decision until the day the announcement was made and were not consulted on the matter.

Some filmmakers, like *Dune* director Denis Villeneuve, feel their films being released directly to streaming on the same day as their theatrical release is doing their films a disservice.

Director Jon M. Chu is described as feeling “shell-shocked” by the decision, as he had passed on opportunities to work with Netflix because he “loves the communal theatre experience.” While the films are still getting a theatrical release, they will likely not see the numbers they’d projected.

Acclaimed *Inception* director Christopher Nolan, ripped into their decision.

“Some of our industry’s biggest filmmakers and most important movie stars went to bed the night before thinking they were working for the greatest movie studio and woke up to find out they were working for the worst streaming service,” said Nolan to the Hollywood Reporter.

Nolan’s comments echo the general feeling that Warner Brothers’s decision to release feature films on HBO Max is purely for their own benefit, while disregarding filmmakers and other companies (such as Legendary Entertainment) which help produce their films.

With the COVID-19 pandemic steadily continuing to be a threat, it was safe to assume that movie theatres would see losses. Many filmmakers were hoping to buffer out those losses by selling the streaming rights to third parties.

The decision to release films on HBO Max — which was made without consulting filmmakers — blocked opportunities to sell the rights to other third party streaming services.

This causes a considerable loss to production companies such as Legendary Entertainment who were offered \$250 million by Netflix for the streaming rights to *Godzilla vs. Kong*.

So, with the overwhelmingly negative reaction and the issues this could cause in the future: why would WarnerMedia make this decision, especially since they don’t seem to plan for it to be a lasting business model?

The simple answer seems to be that this is all an attempt to drive up the platform’s subscribers.

Seeing that WarnerMedia owns HBO Max, Warner Brothers stands to benefit the most from the increased number of subscribers they’ll likely see in response to such high profile projects being released on the platform.

A simple look into the streaming platforms numbers makes it easy to see why WarnerMedia was desperate to pull in subscribers. They’re barely competing with other, more prominent streaming platforms. Netflix, the leading streamer, has approximately 193 million subscribers. Disney+, whose success WarnerMedia seems to be trying to emulate, has 73 million subscribers.

HBO Max on the other hand, has only reached 12.6 million subscribers. These numbers put it far from the big league they seem to want to play in. Furthermore, they've now damaged professional relationships which made Warner Brothers stand out as a production company. Warner Brothers used to be the main place filmmakers wanted to be, but now it is the last place.

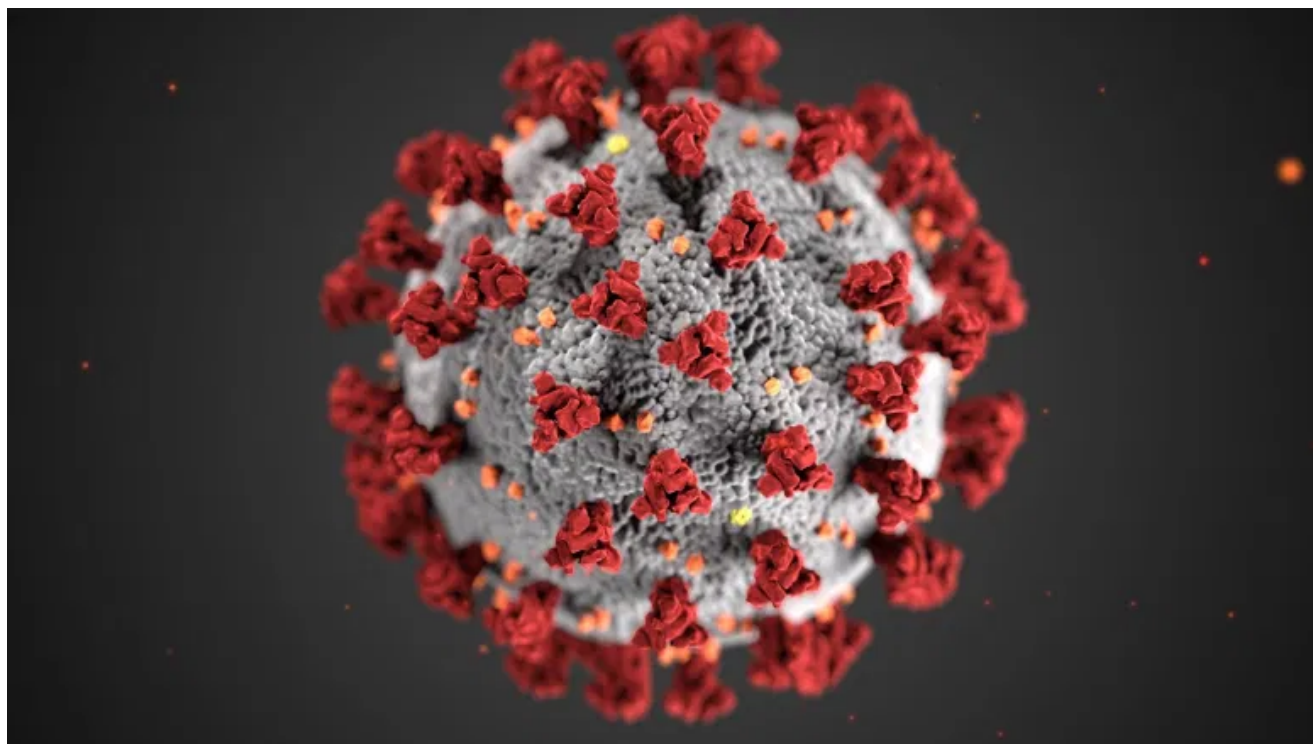
It seems WarnerMedia never quite learned not to bite the hand that feeds them.



# JSU sees rise in active COVID-19 cases following Thanksgiving break, Riley Green concert

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**Luke Reed**, *Correspondent*

Active cases of COVID-19 are on the rise at Jacksonville State University as it reported 38 active cases on Tuesday, an increase of 25 since Nov. 24.

The rise in cases is preceded by a Riley Green concert of 3,500 people held on Nov. 20 at Burgess-Snow Field, where many attendees ignored mask-wearing and social distancing protocols, just prior to students leaving campus for the Thanksgiving break.

“The increase in cases in the community and within the campus population is directly related to social events surrounding the Thanksgiving break,” said Jeff Ryan, JSU’s COVID-19 task force head and chief of program operations.

Ryan encouraged the community to continue practicing social distancing, wearing a mask and avoiding social gatherings.

“We are also experiencing colder weather, which causes more indoor activities and interactions,” he said.

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Calhoun County is reporting 7,300 cases of COVID-19, with 1,278 cases reported in the last 14 days as of Tuesday, according to the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency. 127 people have died from the virus in the county.

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control revised its guidelines for people who have been exposed to the virus, recommending a quarantine of 10 or seven days. Individuals may quarantine for seven days — rather than 10 — if they receive a negative test, according to the CDC.

“As for the new quarantine guidelines from the CDC, we implemented them the day they were announced,” said Ryan. “We now direct anyone exposed to a positive case to quarantine for 10 days instead of 14.”

# Georgia hands JSU women's basketball first loss of season

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**Jamerious Borden**, *Correspondent*

The Jacksonville State women's basketball team suffered a loss on the road to the Georgia Bulldogs 67-48 at the Stegeman Coliseum in Athens, Ga. on Wednesday, Dec. 9. This marks the Lady Gamecocks' first loss of the season.

Unfortunately, JSU (2-1) could not stay with the Power 5 Georgia Bulldogs, struggling to make baskets shooting .306 from the field. However, it did not stop the Lady Gamecocks from putting up season highs against the Bulldogs.

Junior Yamia Johnson matched her season high for the second time in three games with a total of 16 points, followed by senior Taylor Hawks with 11 points. Also, freshman Keira Griffin had a career best of 10 points combining all the trio's score of 37 points total. However, 37 out of the 47 points was not enough to defeat the Georgia Bulldogs (5-0).

On the bright side, JSU collected at least 40 rebounds for the third straight game with grabbing 41 juxtaposed to Georgia's 50. Redshirt senior Jessie Day led the team with seven boards along with Winnie Kuimi's six. The Gamecocks had an explosive offense to limit the Bulldogs to only 68 points.

Although UGA opened the ahead 4-0, Day and Johnson quickly delivered help with Johnson connected two for three from the perimeter making the score 7-4. For the moment being, the Gamecocks had a 12-11 lead at the first media timeout. However, disaster struck when the Bulldogs regained the lead with a 26-7 run over the next 10 minutes setting them up with a 16-point advantage heading into halftime.

JSU trailed 41-22 at the break averaging a season low of eight points in the second quarter along with a deficit growing as much as 28 points in the third quarter, but despite the huge deficit, this did not stop the Gamecocks from pulling through this tough game.

Nekiyah Thompson buried a jumper during the final stint which led to the Gamecocks to drag a 12-0 run through the next seven minutes of the game. Georgia's first bucket did not come until the 2:58 mark; however, it was too late for the Gamecocks to make a legitimate comeback.

JSU was kept in check for the game but in the end the women's basketball team still has a lot of promise for the remainder of the season.

Generating positive energy and vibes toward the end of the game, JSU is looking to carry this momentum into their next game when they face Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn. on the road this Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. to officially open Ohio Valley Conference play.

# Watch these Christmas movies for some holly jolly spirit

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One of the greatest joys for myself personally around this time of year is watching the iconic Christmas movies that I adored as a child. There are several Christmas movies that give me joy and immediately get me in the holly jolly spirit. Below is a ranked list of Christmas movies that are a staple in my life this time of year.

“How the Grinch Stole Christmas” is my all time favorite Christmas movie, and I don’t see it moving down the list at all, ever. I am a huge fan of Jim Carrey and I think he played this role perfectly. The sheer amount of joy this movie alone can bring me is indescribable.

I think it’s one of the funniest movies out there, and I’m usually not one for comedy movies. I could probably quote the entire movie, and to be quite honest, I watch it anytime of year that I want a laugh.

The most recent cartoon remake with Benedict Cumberbatch is pretty good too, but nowhere near this version in my opinion.

Moving onto the next Christmas movie is my dad’s favorite. It’s very comedic, too, and rather iconic. That’s right, I’m talking about “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation” starring Chevy Chase — a very funny actor and comedian.

Though this movie dates back quite a bit, the comedy is remarkable and the movie perfectly portrays what having a big family Christmas entails. No holiday, even Christmas, comes without its challenges and I can't think of any other movie that encompasses that reality as well as this one does.

I will put out a disclaimer that this may not be the most kid-friendly film because of the innuendos and adult dialogue scattered throughout the movie, so just be mindful if the little ones are around.

The third movie ranked in my top Christmas movies is none other than "Polar Express," which is perfect for the kiddos in your life.

I saw this movie every year in elementary school, and it was accompanied by hot cocoa and my warmest set of pajamas. It's just an all around feel-good, traditional Christmas movie. I adore this movie because of the memories associated with it. It really conveys the Christmas spirit and the magic the holiday holds so dearly. Though all of the Christmas movies on the list gets me in the spirit, I believe this one is the one that gets me most excited about the holidays.

Last but not least we have Disney's "A Christmas Carol" which stars Jim Carrey.

He's iconic. What can I say?

I think this movie does a wonderful job of teaching a very important message; the message being not to take things for granted and to be thankful for what you have. I think the depthness associated throughout the film is incredible which makes for a beautiful, raw and real Christmas story. Though this is an animated film, I believe it's not just for children. Anybody can take away the lesson from the story and it can really make you cherish what you have right in front of you. The story alone is 10/10, and Jim Carrey, for me, just increases my likeness of this classic.

This gathering of wonderful movies makes for a perfect marathon night with friends and family. Spending time with warm blankets, hot drinks, and a lit up Christmas tree can create the perfect atmosphere that can bring an infinite amount of joy.



# SGA plans for the spring semester

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**Ashleigh Crouch**, *Correspondent*

The Student Government Association will proceed with the spring 2021 semester much like it did in the fall, according to SGA President Jerod Sharp.

The SGA has planned several events for the spring semester that are in compliance with current local, state, federal and university COVID-19 guidelines, Sharp said.

“As stated before, we put the health of all students as our number one objective when coming up with events to keep campus engaged,” said Sharp by email on Tuesday.

Sharp doesn’t expect to see any major events such as concerts or festivals being planned by the SGA in the spring 2021 semester, but students can expect some traditions to go on.

“Just as with any year, the SGA will have their spring election for the SGA officers, Student Senators, and the famous superlatives of Mr. & Mrs. Jax State and Mr. & Mrs. Friendly,” said Sharp.

The SGA will also be hosting several events with limited seating similar to the ones hosted during the fall 2020 semester. Sharp explained that these events will most likely include “paint nights, trivia nights, possibly karaoke nights, and drive-ins.”

“We are also hoping to plan and execute at least one Spirit Night for each sports team that will be participating in a season next semester,” he said.

The spring semester will continue to operate under the current phase system designed to slow the spread of the virus.

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“Changes will be dependent upon the cases involving JSU students and the surrounding areas in Calhoun County and north Alabama, and these said changes trickle down from the COVID-19 Task Force down to the individual departments that make up the university,” said Sharp on the phase system.

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**Stephen Duke**, *Correspondent*

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The Privateers rallied back and took the lead late in the first period, but Yamia hit another three-pointer to end the period with a 16-13 advantage.

The Lady Gamecocks were persistent on three-point shots, hitting 11-of-33 against New Orleans after hitting 14-of-45 against the Georgia Southern Eagles in the opener.

In the second period, the game continued to be back and forth for a bit. With the Gamecocks leading by two points, they seized the momentum when Imari Martin hit a lay up that began a 15-4 run. The Gamecocks led 34-21 at the half.

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Martin led the team in scoring with 14 points in only her second game with the Gamecocks. Kiana and Yamia Johnson joined in on the scoring, with each scoring 13 on the Privateer defense. Kaiya Burnett also contributed a three-pointer in the game. Kuimi had eight points and Jessie Day contributed 11 rebounds in addition to her scoring.

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# Festive Christmas light displays to visit

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**Breanna Hill**, *Features Editor*

Christmas light displays have grown in popularity in recent years, and each is a joy to view. Every year more and more businesses, parks and everyday neighborhoods are joining in on the fun and shining out.

There are numerous spots in Alabama and neighboring states that have incredible Christmas light displays that can help you get into the spirit of the holidays.

Starting locally, Oxford has set up a Christmas light display in Choccolocco Park accompanied with other Christmas related festivities. The lights begin as soon as you enter the park and they're dazzling.

Purchasing tickets is required to go through the light show. Tickets are \$20 per car, but can be purchased online at a cheaper price. Once you've ridden down the path of lights you can park and check out numerous vendors and fun activities for the family in the center of the park. There's ice skating and slides for the kiddos, and great food, not to mention the coffee cart they have set up.

Another spot not too far from Jacksonville is Noccalula Falls in Gadsden. Noccalula Falls has an incredible light show for the holidays and several entertaining events and activities set up for the kiddos.

Buying tickets is also required for this light show. On weekdays tickets are \$10 per person and on weekends tickets are \$12 per person. Besides the incredible light display you walk through, the park also has a train ride, an animal habitat and concessions. Santa will also make an appearance at the park starting Nov. 27 through Dec. 23.

Further away in Birmingham, a Christmas light display titled “Shadrack’s Christmas Wonderland” is taking place at the Birmingham Race Course. There are more than two million sparkling lights part of the show, and the lights are synchronized to the music playing on the radio station for the event, much like the Christmas light display held in Choccolocco Park in Oxford.

Hours are 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and the pricing depends on the vehicle type; \$25 for cars or minivans with eight passengers or less, \$50 for mini buses or vans and \$100 for buses.

Traveling for a lights display can be well worth the trip, and Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga. has made that very clear.

Callaway Gardens is one of National Geographic’s Top 10 light displays in the world and the Fantasy In Lights event they put on will be going on until Jan. 4. A memorable Christmas village and illuminated forest are all part of the experience Callaway Gardens has to offer.

There are varying prices depending on when you decide to go. Get more information about ticket pricing and their other services at [Callawaygardens.com](http://Callawaygardens.com).

There’s also another Christmas lights display closer to my current residence in Sylacauga.

It’s a house in Weogufka where dancing, synchronized lights are set up and linked to a radio station. Unlike the other light displays mentioned, this is free and goes on every night starting at 5 p.m. and goes until 10 p.m.; park in front of the house and enjoy the show. Information on the show can be found on their Facebook page: Weogufka Christmas Lights.



# 'Jax Jingle': JSU Alumni Association hosts virtual 5K

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**Skyler Leathrum**, *Correspondent*

Jacksonville State University's Alumni Association is hosting a virtual 5K called Jax Jingle, which began on Dec. 4 and ends on Dec. 13.

Runners will compete virtually by tracking their times and entering them into the website for the event.

"I wanted anyone to be able to participate wherever they can, and I wanted people to have ample enough time to participate in the virtual event because I know sometimes peoples' schedules get hectic and have limited free time during the holiday season," said Taylor Cochran, JSU's assistant director of alumni relations.

The event is a fundraiser for the Alumni Chapter scholarships, and each participant will be able to select which chapter their donation will go towards.

Participants can complete the event on any route and any time between the dates of Dec. 4 and Dec. 13, which allows the event to be socially distant. Tickets are \$25.

According to Cochran, the top three winners in each age group will receive a Gamecock Christmas ornament.

# Gov. Ivey extends mask order through Jan. 22 as Alabama prepares for vaccine

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**Miranda Prescott**, *News Editor*

Governor Kay Ivey announced at a press conference on Wednesday that the current mask order in effect will be extended until Jan. 22, 2021.

The “safer-at-home” order, which was set to expire on Friday, Dec. 11, remains the same as its preceding order, barring the mask extension.

“I am asking that the citizens of Alabama use the common sense that the Lord gave them,” said Ivey. “I’m not trying to be Governor MeeMaw like social media may suggest.”

Ivey’s reasoning behind the extension is due to the current spike in cases that the state has seen over the course of the past month.

According to the [Alabama Department of Public Health](#), there have been 41,430 confirmed cases in the state over the past 14 days, with over 120,000 more that have been tested. There have also been approximately 3,985 deaths from the virus in the state thus far, with 460 more probable.

As for Jacksonville State University and the surrounding area, the university is reporting 38 cases being tracked through its dashboard as of Wednesday. Calhoun County is reporting 1,206 positive cases over the past 14 days with 51 hospitalizations from the virus.

Both Ivey and Scott Harris, the state health officer, said that these are “dark days” for the state regarding the pandemic and that the numbers in the state are similar to how they appeared in July.

Harris said that the COVID-19 vaccine will hopefully be in the state — pending authorization from the Food and Drug Administration — by early next week. However, the state has plans to slowly distribute them due to the storage conditions of the specific vaccine the state will acquire.

“The Pfizer vaccine is required to be kept at around negative 80 degrees, and only a handful of areas in the state can support that,” said Harris. “We will be getting shipments of approximately 950 vaccines at a time.”

While the state will be starting out with the Pfizer vaccine, Harris explained that the Moderna vaccine will also be making its way to the state soon, and that no one should be charged to get the vaccine because it is coming to the state through a federal grant.

Harris also reminds Alabamians that the Pfizer vaccine is to be taken in two doses, and that nursing homes and health care workers will receive priority once the state can distribute them.

While these groups have the immediate priority, however, it may be as late as early summer 2021 before the average Alabamian has access to the vaccine, as it may not be available in large quantities to the state until then.

# JSU men's basketball: Sunday's game at FIU canceled

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The Jacksonville State men's basketball game against Florida International today has been canceled "due to COVID-19 testing protocols," JSU athletics announced.

The Gamecocks' next game is set to take place in Cookeville, Tenn. on Sunday, Dec. 13 against Tennessee Tech. Then, JSU will travel back to Jacksonville to face off against the same team at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Both games can be streamed live on ESPN+ or listened to on WLJS 91.9 FM, the university's student-ran radio station.